



# NEWSLETTER



## LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER

This will be the last printed newsletter that you receive from the Farm Service Agency. If you wish to receive future program announcements and deadline reminders, you will need to enroll in the new GovDelivery system. By signing up for this system, you will receive newsletters and bulletins via email instead of a hard copy through the mail. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars.

You may subscribe to receive electronic updates by going to the USDA GovDelivery sign up page found at the following web address: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>. The form on the reverse side of this newsletter informs FSA of your intent to receive newsletters electronically, and provides FSA with your email address. Complete blocks 1A, 1B, 3, 4, 8A, 8B and 8C. Select "No" in block 4 and return the form to the county office. The selection only applies to newsletters and bulk mail. You will still receive direct mail for your operation and county committee ballots. Staff can assist you with subscribing for electronic newsletters.

## 2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN UP UNDERWAY

We are currently taking appointments to sign up for the 2012 DCP/ACRE program. The deadline to sign up is **June 1, 2012**. Please call the office to set up an appointment. 2012 is the final year for this program under the 2008 farm bill. Advance payments are not authorized for this year and all payments will be made in October 2012. Changes on the farm before or after enrolling in DCP/ACRE must be immediately reported to the local FSA office. Examples include ownership changes, producer changes (individuals and entities), and changes in crop share arrangements).

## NEW AGI FORMS REQUIRED FOR 2012

FSA and NRCS program participants, including all members of participating entities, must meet certain Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements to qualify for benefits. Starting with the 2012 crop year, a new AGI form has been developed that both reports whether an applicant or member meets the AGI requirements and authorizes the IRS to confirm that information for FSA.

The new form also reflects an additional AGI limitation applicable only to 2012 direct payments. In addition to the \$500,000 average nonfarm AGI and the \$750,000 average farm AGI limitation, a \$1 million average AGI limitation will be applicable for 2012 direct payments. Another change for this year is that IRS will not accept FSA power-of-attorney forms, and consequently the AGI certification will have to be signed by the participant or entity member themselves.

## CRP GENERAL SIGN UP

The Conservation Reserve Program sign up starts March 12, 2012 and ends April 6, 2012. CRP sign up is a competitive process in which the bids producing the highest environmental benefits per dollar spent are accepted into the program. Acreage contracted into the program will be seeded to a grass and legume cover favorable to wildlife that also prevents soil erosion. In general, no other income can be derived from the land while enrolled in CRP.

Offers will be ranked using the Environmental Benefits Index. Points will be awarded based on the environmental and habitat benefits of the proposed cover planted. More points are awarded for acreage seeded to native vegetation and existing CRP stands may need to be reseeded to maximize the Environmental Benefits Index score. Extra points will be awarded for the most erosive land and bids that include pollinator habitat on 10% of the acreage. Scores can also be improved by reducing the bid by up to 15% below the maximum rate calculated by FSA.

Eligibility is based on several factors. Eligible land must have been planted to an annual crop for at least four years between 2002 and 2007. In addition, the land must be considered highly erodible, or be in a 2012 expiring CRP contract. Please contact our office to make an appointment to sign up for this program.

## GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (GRP) SIGN UP

Our office is currently accepting bids for participation in the Grassland Reserve Program. In exchange for an annual program payment, livestock producers agree to follow a grazing management plan and not convert grassland to cropland or other types of development for the length of the contract. This sign up offers landowners or operators rental agreements of 10, 15, or 20 year duration with an annual rental rate of \$8.75 per acre. To participate in GRP, ranchers must offer private land that includes contiguous acres of grassland. The acre limit for this program is 320 acres which at \$8.75 per acre computes to a maximum annual payment of \$2,800. A twenty year contract would yield a total payment of \$56,000.

Ranchers in the program will be required to develop a grazing plan with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The agency will rank applications based on the quality of management of the site, biodiversity, the soil quality, and the cost of the agreement. FSA will notify the successful bidders shortly after the sign up ends. Sign up for the program begins February 27, 2012 and continues through March 23, 2012.

**March 1, 2012**

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### Dates to Remember

**March 15** - NAP closing date for spring planted crops, small grain forages

**March 23** – GRP sign up deadline

**April 6** - CRP sign up deadline

**June 1** - DCP/ACRE sign up deadline

### FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>  
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>  
USDA- <http://www.usda.gov>



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Farm Service Agency  
Rural Development  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET REQUEST FOR SCIMS RECORD CHANGE  
(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)

(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements)

PART A – CUSTOMER INFORMATION

1A. Customer's Full Legal Name or Business Name

1B. Customer or Business Address (including Zip Code)

1C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)

1D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)

1E. Other Telephone Number (Area Code)

2. SSN or Tax ID Number (9 Digits)

3. E-Mail Address

4. Customer Wishes to Receive Mail?  
☐ YES    ☐ NO

5. Producer is Customer of One or More of the Following Agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below):  
☐ FSA    ☐ RD    ☐ NRCS    ☐ Not Participating

6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer?    ☐ YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below:)    ☐ NO

7. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below):  
☐ New Producer    ☐ Address Change    ☐ Telephone Change    ☐ Sale/Purchase    ☐ Life Event  
☐ Other (Specify):

8. Enter the name of the customer requesting the record change(s). If documentation is received by Fax or from a trusted source (i.e., USPS), attach documentation to this form. Only Part A, Item 1A and Part B shall be completed. If the request was received by telephone, complete applicable blocks necessary to document the change(s) and enter the requestor's name in Item 8A. Requestor's signature is not required. (The only time the customer is required to sign item 8B is when they are physically at a Service Center and providing FSA with applicable information.)

8A. Name of Customer Requesting Change

8B. Signature

8C. Date of Record Change (MM-DD-YYYY)

PART B – SERVICE CENTER ACTION

9A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below):  
☐ FSA    ☐ NRCS    ☐ RD

9B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)

9C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)

10. How the Request for Change was Received:  
☐ Office Visit    ☐ Telephone    ☐ FAX    ☐ USPS    ☐ Other (Specify):

11. Remarks if Applicable:

12A. Signature of Employee Updating SCIMS if not initialed in Item 9B.

12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating SCIMS (MM-DD-YYYY)

FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AREA CONSERVATIONIST USE ONLY.

13A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been properly updated.  
☐ Concur    ☐ Do Not Concur

13B. Name of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check

13C. Signature of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check

13D. Title

13E. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

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Note: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is OMB Circular A-123, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request for critical producer data changes within the Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS). The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within SCIMS.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0265. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

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